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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 5962 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 16.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 5962

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MARR, SA, US
SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS (REFTELS) WE
MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AT TAIF TODAY (AUG 15)
AND DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE AND TALKING POINTS CONTAINED
REFTELS.

2. RECEPTION WAS DECIDELY NEGATIVE. SAUD TOLD US THAT
DESPITE THE GREAT RESPECT WHICH SAG HAD FOR USG, AS
EVIDENCED BY SUPPORT FOR CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, WE HAD NOT
YET CHANGED THEIR BASIC VIEW OF ZIONISM. HE STATED THAT
SAG WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO SUPPORT ANY RESOLUTION OFFERED.

3. WE POINTED OUT TO HIM THE FACT THAT THE ADOPTION OF
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SUCH A RESOLUTION MIGHT WELL MILITATE AGAINST SUCCESS
AT CAMP DAVID AND THAT ITS ADOPTION COULD ONLY INFLAME
AND INCITE AND WORK INTO THE HANDS OF RADICALS.

4. SAUD THEN TALKED AT SOME LENGTH AND
REITERATED THE CONSISTENT ALL-OUT SUPPORT WHICH
SAUDI ARABIA WAS GIVING THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT,

AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT AGREE THAT THE MERE
ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE AT CAMP DAVID.

5. RECOGNIZING THE FUTILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSION,
WE ASKED HIM TO CONSIDER THE U.S. POSITION AND TO
AT LEAST TRY TO JOIN WITH OTHER MODERATE GROUPS IN
DEFERRING ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION. HE
SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO THIS SUGGESTION BUT STILL GAVE
US NO COMMITMENT. WEST
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